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## FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

Treasurer  
 John C. Rademacher  
 Clerk  
 Rhonda Feldpausch  
 DPW Employees  
 Vern Feldpausch  
 Brad Smith

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2023

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.  
 Present: Brad Rhynard, Mike Porter, Dan Schmitt, Melissa Humphrey, Codi Schrauben, Rick Fink and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: John Rademacher.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

None

AGENDA

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 public hearing and regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$46,634.39 from the General Fund, \$15,796.26 from the Local Street Fund, \$36,802.21 from the Major Street Fund, \$28,272.17 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$23,326.95 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve permit #F2023-02 submitted by Wade Yott. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Personnel Committee presented information regarding wage and bonus history.

TREASURER REPORT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch provided the following project information:

- GPS valves and water boxes
- Wash/wax all equipment, store summer equipment and install winter equipment
- Plugged sewers in areas that equipment has been lined

PERSONNEL POLICIES

Personnel Committee is working towards creating procedures for employee reviews. The goal is to ensure competitive wages and compensation packages. The efforts will benefit current and future employees.

PA 152 RESOLUTION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to adopt Resolution #2023-05; a resolution to exempt the Village from the requirements of Public Act 152 for the next succeeding year.

Roll Call Vote: Schrauben – Aye, Rhynard – Aye, Schmitt – Aye, Porter – Aye, V. Thelen – Aye, Fink – Aye, Humphrey – Aye. Motion carried.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

No new information.

BUDGET HEARING DATE

A tentative budget hearing date has been set for December 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner sent correspondence outlining the following issues:

- The County broadband project is now awaiting the results of the comment period which extends through December 21st and then proceed with the next steps.
- The Board of Commissioners authorized Central Dispatch to approve a contract for Fiber connection services to Eaton County. This is especially important for areas of our County served by Eaton County emergency services.
- Parks & Greenspace will be applying for Michigan “clean boats, clean waters” grant with the intent of keeping our Park waters free of invasive species. Also, Parks and Greenspace will be reviewing proposals to update the County Recreation Plans with the intent of having the plan completed in 2024.
- Work continues on the Public Safety Facility (Jail) and the Juvenile Services Facility (Greenhaven) studies with the intent of meeting the growing and changing needs of the County in the future.
- Granger has requested an increase in the annual cap of cubic yards of waste to be landfilled. The Solid Waste Plan and the State of Michigan (EGLE) have allowed for this increase. The increase is from 2 million cubic yards to 2.5 million cubic yards. .

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you to village personnel that helped on tree lighting event.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Clem Sohn Monument installation date possibly April 25.
- Replace basketball hoops at Victor Street park
- Date for installation of Clem Sohn monument – possibly 4-25-2024
- 2024 Ambulance fee \$15 per capita

ADJOURNMENT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Rhynard, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk